

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade
Via Zoom Teleconference

April 30, 2020

DRAFT MINUTES

Regular Members Present: Vice Chairman, Robert Grasis, Director of Water Pollution Control, Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer, Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works, Dave Smith, Town Engineer and Andrew Tedford, Chairman of Water Pollution Control Authority

Absent Members: Chairman, Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator

Staff Present: Stephen Siegel, Vice President of Tighe and Bond and Cassandra Santoro, Recording Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM by Vice Chairman, Robert Grasis.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Construction Meeting April 29, 2020

Robert Grasis explained that Methuen Construction's schedule will be delayed due to COVID-19. The clarifier manufacturer has a 2 month delay in fabrication of the equipment needed due to reduced staffing at the factory. This delay does effect the construction completion date from December 2022 to February 2023. Discussion ensued.

3. Summary of Activities

Robert Grasis explained the following summary of activities:

- Abatement tent has been set up between Aeration tanks #2 and 3 and working on flooring.
- Filter building – finalizing the concrete work.
- Building 900 –drains and flooring is being worked on.
- Secondary sludge building – demo is partially completed.
- Duct bank installation is ongoing.

4. Upcoming Schedule

Robert Grasis explained the following upcoming schedule:

- Abatement contractor is working on the roof of the primary pump house.
- Still working on concrete for Aeration tank #5.
- Other abatement is continuing.
- Filter building – still working on drains and floors.
- Demo contractor is scheduled to demo vacuum presses- Contractor is continuing work around the plant.

Discussion ensued.

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5. Change Orders

Rob Grasis explained the following updates on change orders:

- Process control building roof – no movement on that at this time.
- Odor Control quote has been approved by Committee and Mayor Daniel A. Champagne. Requirements for sprinkler systems were requested by Building Department.
- Asbestos roofing credit has not yet been received.
- Electrical duct bank quote is still under review.
- Added hand holes quote is still being reviewed.
- Dave Smith made a motion to approve change order for the filter building drainage PCB disposal waste in the amount of \$12,890.00. Jeffrey O'Neill seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- Test Pit Adjustment approval was received from the Town and Committee is now being reviewed by DEEP for their approval.
- Additional pipe removal in the filter building is being requested for a change order. Robert Grasis made a motion to approve change order #7: Pipe Removal and Disposal at Filter Building in the amount of \$13,479 with the adjustment to the scheduling costs. Dave Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- Fire sprinkler pressure is still being discussed.
- Aeration tank #5 concrete work is advancing to the last wall of the tank, design has an elevated walkway. This walkway will accommodate 2 hatches to access pumps if needed. In the design documents, they did not take into account the extended concrete walkway on west side of Aeration tank #5 or East side of Aeration tank #6.
- Across elevated walkway will go over a wall – additional rebar work will need to be done to support the walkway from the weir wall.

Discussion ensued.

6. Additional Items

Robert Grasis explained that third party scheduling company charges Methuen Construction an hourly rate for change orders. Instead of negotiating every time the scheduling times, a flat rate was requested. Any change orders that effect the schedule, the flat rate for scheduling would be for 2 hours in the amount of \$320.00. This would only be for any change orders that will affect the scheduling. Discussion ensued. The Committee agreed to the flat rate charge of 2 hours.

7. Stored Materials

Rob Grasis explained that the Committee requested a list of all requested stored materials. Insurance and Liability would conform from the specifics in the contract with all stored materials. The stored materials would go by a case by case basis. Discussion ensued.

8. Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2020

Dave Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 16, 2020. Dwight Ryniewicz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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9. Adjournment

Dwight Ryniewicz made a motion to adjourn at 3:49PM. Andrew Tedford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Santoro

Recording Secretary